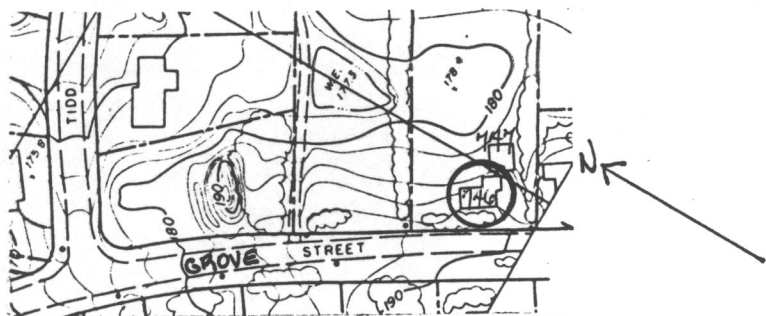


# FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125



Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Boston N.

746, 747

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 37 Grove St.

Historic Name James Locke House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1823

Source Lexington Valuation lists

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Granite

Wall/Trim Wood Clapboard

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Attached barn

Major Alterations (with dates)

Rear additions (date unknown; 1987)

Doorway, windows (1944–1945)

Condition Fair

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 1 A.

Setting Close to fairly busy street in neighborhood of 20th-century houses

Recorded by Nancy S. Seasholes

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) February 1998

## BUILDING FORM

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

37 Grove St. (MHC #746) is one of a number of Federal houses in Lexington and is distinguished by its elaborate doorway. This house is rectangular, two stories, five-by-one bays, and hip-roofed with two side chimneys. The original house is on a granite foundation, clad with wood clapboards, and roofed with asphalt shingles. An offset side-gabled rear addition is on a fieldstone foundation; behind it is a connector to the barn and a rear deck. The center entrance surround has a projecting molded cornice, louvered elliptical fanlight, pilasters with Ionic capitals over which are triglyphs and guttae, and half length sidelights; windows are 6/9 double hung sash. On the north elevation is a two-story, three-sided bay; the larger first story has a hip roof and the second story a gabled roof. The front-gabled barn (MHC #747) retains its original clapboards and barn door opening.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

This house was built in 1823 by James Locke (1784–1848), a son of Amos Locke, who lived in a house once at 79 North St. (MHC #723). In 1820 James bought one acre of land on what is now Grove St. from Ebenezer Simonds, whose house was at what is now 45 Grove St., and in 1824 was assessed for a “new house,” indicating he had built it the previous year. After James’ death the house was owned by his widow Lucy (1788–1867) until she sold it in 1862 to a John T. Demar. In the 20th century the house was reportedly rented from 1933–1944 to the Mix family and was purchased in 1944 by Lexington contractor Walter Black. Black renovated the house for his daughter, Debby Terio, installing the doorway, attributed to Samuel McIntyre, which Black had purchased some years before from a house being renovated in Dover, New Hampshire. Black also replaced all the windows with the present 6/9 ones, and uncovered a fireplace in the living room. The present owner says there is a well underneath the addition and that remains of the wood shingles once on the roof of the main block can be seen in the attic at the intersection of the original house and the addition.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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